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**Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Lessons Learned from
Recent Disasters in Illinois to be Discussed at IEMA
Training Summit in Springfield**

Summit Offers Training, Educational Opportunities

SPRINGFIELD – Nearly 1,000 emergency responders from across Illinois will be in Springfield this week for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's training summit. The annual event provides training and education opportunities for representatives from emergency management, law enforcement, fire services, public health, volunteer organizations and other public safety officials.

General sessions at the summit include a review of the Gulf Coast's recovery from Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and an examination of lessons learned from disasters that have occurred in Illinois in the past 12 months. In addition, the summit offers more than a dozen breakout sessions on various topics. Pre-summit training and exercise opportunities were conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday.

WHEN: Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 10-11 – Main conference (general and breakout sessions)

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield (mezzanine level)

INFO: General session highlights include:

- Thursday (9/10) 10:30 a.m. – noon. **Katrina: 10 Years Later**
Marc Roy, who served as chief of staff for FEMA's Louisiana operations in 2006-07 following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, will discuss the rebuilding and recovery operations that delivered billions of dollars of financial aid to the state of Louisiana.
- Friday (9/11) 9:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **A Year in Review**
Public Safety officials from across the state will provide insight on lessons learned from their response and recovery from blizzards, tornadoes, flash and river flooding, and a hazardous rail shipment derailment.

To see the full conference agenda, including breakout session topics, visit www.iema.illinois.gov.